

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two species disclosed in the present application and required election of one of the species for further prosecution at the present time. In particular, the Examiner identified a first Species said to be shown in FIGS. 4-7, and a second Species shown in FIGS. 8 and 9.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed on the basis of the first Species. Applicants, furthermore, agree with the Examiner's assessment that claims 1-5, 16, 25-26 and 34-37 are generic. Moreover, claims 6-9, 17-19, 27-29 and 38-40 are believed to read on the elected species. Accordingly, claims 10-15, 20-24, 30-33 and 41-44 have been temporarily withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants have noted the objection to the Declaration summarized in the Office Action. The undersigned is in the process of attempting to secure signatures on a revised and corrected Declaration and will submit that document as soon as it is obtained. In the meantime, Applicants request that the Examiner consider this Response as a *bone fide* Response or attempt to respond to the Office Action.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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